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SUBJECT: IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE: BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

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1. JEAN VANDEN BOSCH, BELGIAN DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR SECURITY, INFORMS US THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE RIO CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTS THAT SIMONE HERPELS OF THE BELGIAN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO MEET WITH MR. GILLER AND THAT SHE WILL BE AVAILABLE. MISS HERPELS IS DIRECTOR OF THE SCIENCE OFFICE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SHE CHAIRED THE MEETING OF THE ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY EXPERTS WITH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT EXPERTS LAST APRIL, AND IS PERFECTLY FAMILIAR WITH BELGIAN POLICY RELATING TO PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND FACILITIES.

2. WE ARE SUGGESTING TO MISS HERPELS, WHO IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY, THAT SHE CONTACT MR. GILLER FOR INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE PERIOD SUGGESTED BY REFTEL.

3. THE EMBASSY WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO LEARN IN REFTEL
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THAT PHYSICAL SECURITY IN BELGIUM IS CONSIDERED TO BE

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"MARGINAL". IN TALKS WITH THE ERDA TEAM THAT VISITED BELGIUM IN APRIL WE GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT ALTHOUGH BELGIAN PROTECTION PROCEDURES WERE NOT RIGOROUS IN COMPARISON WITH U.S. STANDARDS, THEY WERE GENERALLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE LEVEL OF THE LOCAL THREAT AND LOCAL PHYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS. FURTHERMORE, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY PAST SECURITY FAILURES OR NEAR-FAILURES. IF ERDA INTENDS IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN RIO OR ELSEWHERE TO PRESS THE BELGIANS TO ADOPT MORE RIGOROUS GENERAL PROCEDURES, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION ON THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ERDA EXPERTS. PLEASE CLARIFY. FIRESTONE

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